

CITY VIGILANTES AFTER MR. LEXOW.

Dr. Parkhurst's Agent, Dr. McElveen, Says They Will "Impale" the Senator.

Inquiring Into a Certain Water Project, and a Bill the Nyack Man Introduced.

THREATEN HIS POLITICAL RUIN.

But Mr. Lexow Laughs in Talking of the Charges, and Says His Water Bill Is What the People of His District Want.

Senator Lexow's doings at Albany during his session and his supposed devoting of his session to home are being inquired into by Dr. Parkhurst's City Vigilance League. Rev. W. T. McElveen, a confidential agent, was in Nyack last Wednesday looking for evidence in the district.

"I had hoped that this matter might have been kept quiet a little longer," said Mr. McElveen yesterday. "We shall, as it is, keep out plans and whatever we know to ourselves until we impale Mr. Lexow. I was in Nyack last Wednesday on league business and succeeded in accomplishing considerable. There is a snake there in the way of a water bill, introduced in the Legislature by Senator Lexow, but that is not all the devilry we have found in which he has taken part. We are right on his trail and he is not the only one that we are we are keeping tabs on at Albany."

"Although but little has been said about the Vigilance League in New York of late, nevertheless Dr. Parkhurst has been hard at work. Our plan, which we cannot make public yet, will effect other cities of the State as much as New York, and through it we will be able to defeat dangerous legislation. I have made several trips up the State and have met with flattering success. On my last trip I was gone nearly a month, visiting Poughkeepsie, Albany, Troy, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Batavia, Buffalo, Dunkirk and other cities along the line of the New York Central. We have organizations all of these cities. The further I go in the work the more I am impressed with the possibilities of our scheme."

Dr. McElveen concluded his remarks on Senator Lexow by saying that he would not be able to hold another public office after the league got through with him.

Senator Lexow seemed amused when informed of what the Rev. Mr. McElveen had said.

"So far as that water bill is concerned," he said, "there is not the least cause for criticism. The people of Nyack at the last election voted in favor of a better water supply. There was some question as to the validity of the action, and so as to legalize the matter beyond all doubt the Water Commissioners brought a bill to Albany which would have that effect. At their request I introduced the bill."

"As to the Rev. Mr. McElveen's other reflections upon me, I do not consider that they call for or deserve a reply."

FO FOOTPADS ARRESTED.

They Held Up Peter Kelly, of Newark, While the Other Searched Him for Valuables.

Newark, N. J., April 20.—Peter B. Kelly, of No. 123 Camden street, was walking through Nicholson street to-night when he was attacked by two men who demanded his purse. Kelly refused to comply with the demand, whereupon one of the men jumped on his shoulders and pinning his arms held him securely while the other man went through his pockets and stole a wallet containing \$9 and valuable papers.

As soon as the men attacked Kelly he began to shout for help and Policeman Meenan responded. He saw the two men running away and after a lively chase succeeded in capturing one of them. Kelly captured the other.

The prisoners were recognized as Richard White, of No. 13 Nicholson street, and Michael Griffith, of No. 35 Essex street. It was White who held Kelly, while Griffith robbed him. The men will be arraigned to-morrow morning. The purse and money were recovered.

WHILE FIREMEN EXERCISED

Two Horses Burned in Newark, and Half the Force Was On Duty.

Newark, N. J., April 20.—The rule of the Fire Department in this city requiring all firemen to exercise in the big gymnasium on the Hill was severely condemned by several citizens to-day. This morning two fires occurred in different parts of the city within half an hour of each other, and at that time eighty-three men, more than half the force, were either at the gymnasium, out duty, or at home taking their breakfast.

Thirty-four men, two from each company in the city, were taking their exercise, and when the alarm was sounded some had to run two miles to the scene of the fire. When they arrived the fire was out.

SHE HAD SWALLOWED A SNAKE.

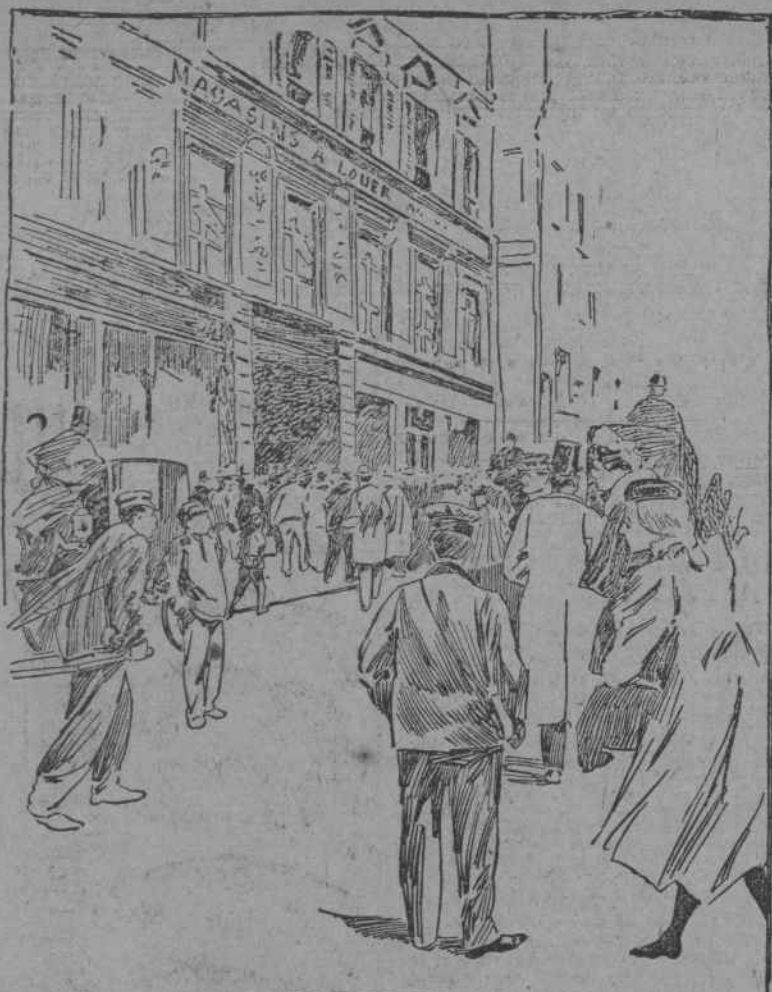
Mrs. Thomas Powers Now Knows the Cause of Her Prolonged Illness.

Kingsport, N. Y., April 20.—Some three years ago Thomas Powers, a blacksmith, residing back of the village of Saugerties, came to town with his wife to do some shopping. They arrived home after dark. Being thirsty, Mrs. Powers went to the well and drew a bucket of water, from which she drank freely.

Feeling something slip down her throat, she coughed, thinking it to be a blade of grass, but failed to get it, and she thought no more of the matter. Some time later her health began to fail, and she was long in getting on her feet. She was finally reduced to a mere skeleton of her former self, as she could not retain any food in her stomach. Finally she resorted to using a patent medicine, and on Saturday night last she felt severe pains in her abdomen, and suddenly became violently ill, when she ejected a water snake 3 inches long from her stomach. The snake was nearly as large around as a lead pencil, and after being killed it was still alive. Mr. Powers has placed it in a glass jar.

LA GRANGE NOT ASKED TO RESIGN.

General La Grange and a lengthy interview with Mayor Strong yesterday before the weekly Cabinet meeting. Subsequently he denied positively that he had been asked to resign. The Mayor also said he had not asked the Fire Commissioner to leave his position. What he wanted was harmony and efficiency in the department.



WON BY A SOLDIER'S BOY.

Private Miller's Son Appointed by Congressman Odell to the Naval Academy.

Frederick C. Miller is the ambitious sixteen-year-old son of Charles Miller, of the Army Service Corps stationed at the West Point Military Academy. He has just been named to a cadetship at the United States Naval Academy, and is the first enlisted man's son to win an appointment to Annapolis. Young Miller's immediate predecessor at the Naval Academy was a son of Captain Mahan, the well-known naval authority.

Congressman Odell, of Newburg, chairman of the Republican State Executive



FREDERICK C. MILLER.

Committee, appointed the West Point cadet, Congressman Odell's district, which includes West Point, contains a large soldier vote, which some of the Congressman's predecessors, in the distribution of political patronage, ever recognized.

Congressman Odell's selection, while it gratifies the soldiers, is not exactly liked in naval and military circles. Hitherto appointments of this kind have gone to sons of wealthy persons or those possessed of strong political backing.

Private Miller's son is now at the Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pa.

CORBIN BARS CIGARETTES.

Will Not Allow Them to Be Smoked on Land He Owns on Long Island.

Babylon, L. I., April 20.—Austin Corbin, of the Long Island Railroad, who has become involved in a dispute over a road which he claims as his private property, and which the Highway Commissioners say is a part of the property of the town, has issued an order refusing to allow bicycle riders to use the road. He is also opposed to young men smoking cigarettes on the disputed ground, and says he will have them put off his property as trespassers.

LYNCHED TWO COLORED MEN.

One Was Winded by a Posse Before He Would Surrender.

Warren, Ark., April 20.—Jeff Gardner, a negro, went to the house of Joseph Burrows Saturday. Finding no one there, but the children, he took a gun and scared the younger children, having previously fastened the eldest girl with a rope. He carried his victim to the Saline bottoms, where she was bound and kept for several hours. It was late in the afternoon before they were found.

When the negro was ordered to surrender he attempted to run and was shot in the leg. Though wounded, he made his escape into a sage field nearby. On being captured he did not deny the charge, and only wanted to know what they were going to do with him. He was lynched Saturday night.

JOHN MELBO'S POOR AIM.

He Fired at a Dog and the Bullet Injured a Little Girl.

Elizabeth, April 20.—Jacob Hauenstein, who owns a grocery down town, this morning saw a dog in front of his store. He got a revolver and fired at the animal. The bullet struck a little colored girl in the leg. She had been playing two blocks away.

Not knowing what had hit her she yelled "snake!" and ran screaming down the street, causing a panic among the colored women of the neighborhood. The dog had run across and joined the crowd which followed the child. Finally she was stopped by a policeman and sent to the hospital, where the bullet was cut out.

SUSPECTED NINGER FROM THE FIRST.

Miss Ahrenholze Tells How She Detected the Counterfeiter.

She's a Grocer's Cashier and Knew the Artist When He Entered the Store.

PEN AND INK BILLS IN EVIDENCE.

Accused Held for the Action of the Grand Jury—He Has No Witnesses—Being Unable to Furnish Bail, He Returns to Prison.

Emanuel Ninger, the dangerous and expert counterfeiter of bank notes, was arraigned for examination before United States Commissioner Shields yesterday afternoon.

Ninger's pen and ink counterfeiters have made this "Tentative" "Jim the penman," who baffled the Secret Service agents for nearly twenty years, so famous that the little office which Mr. Shields uses as a court room was filled with people yesterday afternoon anxious to catch a glimpse of the prisoner.

The specific charges against Ninger are of passing a counterfeit fifty-dollar bill in Lewis W. Duesing's saloon at No. 87 Cortlandt street and a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill in the grocery of John Weyman, No. 102 Third avenue, March 28. The two pen and ink drawn bills were in evidence.

Acting Police Captain Brennan testified regarding the arrest of Ninger, and Paul Zipper, barkeeper in the Cortlandt street saloon, told about changing the bogus bill for Ninger. Zipper discovered it was a counterfeit.

Policeman Larrigan described Ninger's arrest. When he was searched Ninger had \$24.50 in his pockets, part of which was in counterfeit bills.

John Weyman, the grocer, who had been victimized with the \$20 pen and ink bill, identified Ninger as the man who passed it.

The other witness was Miss Ahrenholze, the cashier in Weyman's store.

"I took him all in when he came into the store," she said with a knowing toss of her head, referring to Ninger.

"You what?"

"Took him all in. Guessed the sort he was."

"Oh!"

"I didn't know what he was until I was told," she continued, "but all the same I took him all in."

"Ah!" from the lawyers.

PRISONER DIAZ IS WELL KNOWN HERE.

Man Captured by the Spaniards Recognized as an Able Missionary.

Only Three Weeks Ago He Was Here to Raise Money for His Work.

ONE OF THE RED CROSS WORKERS.

His Offense Consists of Sending Medicine to Insurgents, While He Was Doing the Same Thing for the Spaniards.

Alberto J. Diaz, head of the Baptist missionary work in Cuba, who has been thrown into a Spanish prison on the island, is well known in New York City, having made a number of addresses in Baptist churches here. Only three weeks ago he was in New York and Boston, where he raised \$300 on lectures about Cuba for the benefit of his charges on that island.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has received word that Diaz is imprisoned on a charge of sending medicines to the Cuban soldiers in his capacity as a Red Cross worker. He also rendered the same aid to the Spanish troops.

Diaz has been in jail on three previous occasions. He is thirty-seven years old and a native of Cuba, a graduate of the Havana University and a man of some financial possessions. He was put in prison during the former rebellion, escaped and swam to a ship at anchor in Havana harbor and reached New York.

Diaz is a graduated physician, and has always worked for the Red Cross League. When the smallpox broke out in Havana and killed people by the hundred, Diaz and his missionary assistants went into the midst of it and came out with 10 per cent of their number dead. He is of intense muscular power, a magnetic orator and a great executive.

Dr. I. T. Tichenor, secretary of the Home Mission Board, is now in Havana, and will probably look out for Mr. Diaz and the American church property. Mr. Diaz became naturalized during his stay in America, and this, it is thought, will be largely instrumental in securing his release.

The Home Mission of the Southern Baptist Convention of Atlanta, Ga., at a full meeting, adopted the following resolutions: That the Board has heard with deepest pain of the imprisonment of Brother A. J. Diaz by the Spanish authorities in Cuba; that we are profoundly impressed with the duty of doing all in our power to preserve the life and secure



The "Angel-Gabriel" Rage in Paris.

In the first picture Le Monde Illustré shows a typical scene before the house of Mlle. Condon, whose alleged communications with the Angel Gabriel have created such a furor. The second depicts an interruption, the third a sympathetic audience of two, and the last the much besieged doorkeeper, who has been named the "St. Peter of the Rue Paradis."

Miss Ahrenholze went on to say that she had a misgiving as soon as she had given the change. She wet her fingers and rubbed a number of the bill. It blurred, and then she knew it was bogus. She gave the alarm and several people darted after Ninger, but it was too late.

Miss Ahrenholze identified Ninger as the man she "sized up" in the shop.

"How do you know it is the same man?" demanded Mr. Mayo, Ninger's lawyer.

"He was the only man in the store, and I had my eyes open for him."

This pleased the witness so well that she repeated: "I took him all in." A laugh followed in which she joined heartily and she appeared amused at the idea of not recognizing Ninger.

Chief Secret Service Agent Bagg identified the pen and ink bills as those which were brought to him as being taken from the prisoner.

Ninger had no witnesses.

Lawyer Mayo moved for the discharge of the prisoner on the ground that the identification of the bills was not proved.

"I deny the motion," said the Commissioner, "and will hold the prisoner for the Grand Jury."

Ninger's bail was left at \$20,000 and he was taken to prison.

Concert on Washington Heights. The Sylvan Quartet will give a vocal and instrumental concert at the Washington Heights Methodist Episcopal Church this evening for the benefit of the Sabbath school. The quartet is composed of Mrs. Mortimer C. Moore, soprano; Miss Mary Higgins, contralto; J. R. Davis, tenor, and E. Bennett, bass. They will be assisted by Miss May Robbins as accompanist; Miss Rose, Mr. Louis Weber, violin; Miss Hotel and Mr. M. C. Moore, flute.

Conference of New York and vicinity, having learned of the arrest and imprisonment in Havana, Cuba, of the Rev. Alberto J. Diaz and his brother, both American citizens, and both of whom have for many years been employed in humanitarian work among their countrymen as the representatives of religious and benevolent organizations in the United States, and who, as such, would be deemed from engaging in unlawful political or social alliances, do hereby bring the fact of their arrest and imprisonment to the notice of the honorable, the Secretary of State, with the expression of our confident hope that he will protect these, our fellow citizens, in all their lawful rights and privileges.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Conference
R. S. MARTHUR.
LEIGHTON WILLIAMS, Secretary.

BOILS HERSELF IN A TUB.

Insane Pauper Takes a Painful Way of Ending Her Life in a Chicago Asylum.

Chicago, April 20.—Emma Stone, a pauper inmate of the County Insane Asylum at Dunning, was scalded to death in a bath tub Saturday night. Left alone for a few minutes, the unfortunate woman sneaked into the bath room, and, turning on the hot water faucet, permitted a stream of boiling water to flow upon her body. What ever her sufferings, she did not utter a sound and had been parboiling from head to foot for at least five minutes before the attendant returned to the ward and discovered her danger.

She lingered for four hours, but only to the end did she give voice to her sufferings, and then her screams sounded throughout the house until death relieved her.

SALVATION LASS'S WIT.

How a "War Cry Boomer" Led a Song Service in an Elizabeth Saloon.

Elizabeth, April 20.—Saturday night a Salvation Army lassie went into D'Esple's saloon on Morris avenue, near the railroad station, to sell copies of the War Cry. As soon as she entered the crowd inside commenced to sing Army songs and play on imaginary tambourines and horns.

She joined in with them, and much to their discomfiture soon had a miniature Salvation Army meeting in the saloon, with a large audience gathered outside to listen to the novel affair. She sold all her papers before the "meeting" closed.

SAVED BY A BRAVE POLICEMAN.

Mrs. Holliday, of Brooklyn, Rescued from a Carriage Drawn by a Runaway Horse.

It was only owing to the bravery of Policeman Ferdinand Thomas that Mrs. Holliday, of Brooklyn, was not killed yesterday by the pushing and crowding of heavy trucks at the entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge, a few minutes before noon.

Mrs. Holliday was being driven up Park row in a light one-horse, four-wheeled Park phaeton. Her coachman, William Murphy, apparently had the spirited animal well in hand. Suddenly the horse darted toward City Hall Park. Half way across the street, the horse shied and started directly up Park row. The quick turn drove the right front wheel of the wagon into the slot of the downtown cable car track, tightly wedging it. The horse leaped to the right, and the wheel was torn off the axle, and Murphy thrown ten feet away.

Then the horse dashed for the exit side of the Bridge, which was almost blocked at the time with heavy wagons. Mrs. Holliday remained in the phaeton and refused to jump. Policeman Thomas saw her danger, and reached the car just as the horse ran by. Thomas caught hold of the bridle and was dragged fully twenty feet before Mrs. Holliday was rescued. Coachman Murphy took the wrecked horse and Mrs. Holliday wrote down the addresses of her rescuers.

NOT SIGNED UNDER DURESS.

Miss Weed's Mortgage, Three Witnesses Testify, Was a Voluntary One.

Foster L. Backus testified yesterday in Sarah B. Weed's suit to set aside a mortgage for \$6,000 and another for \$5,800 on her property, No. 114 East Fifty-eighth street, on the ground that the first was forged and the second was obtained in its place by duress, and to save himself and her brother, Edwin Weed, from the imaginary danger of State prison.

Mr. Backus swore that the second mortgage had not been signed by Miss Weed under duress. So did his partner, Henry Many, and his clerk, Frederick J. Roache. Both Backus and Many swore that they had made no threats to Miss Weed.

The three witnesses affirmed that Miss Weed had signed the second mortgage voluntarily, to save her brother from a criminal prosecution. The case goes on to-day.

MISS ELLSWORTH STRUCK THE DEACON.

An Uppercut Felled the Surprised Jordan to the Floor in His Pew.

Deacon Daurch Came to the Rescue, and There Was a General Row in Church.

HAIR PULLING AND FISTICUFFS.

Parson Bryan Turned Out the Lights, as He Feared Razors Would Be Drawn—The Row the Result of a Faud.

Greenport, L. I., April 20.—The Rev. P. F. Bryan had just blessed his flock in the A. M. E. Zion Church here last night and announced that the collection would be taken up when Miss Hannah Ellsworth reached over the seat and grabbed Deacon Samuel Jordan by the hair. She gave it a vigorous pull, which brought the good deacon to his feet in an undignified hurry. Then the woman shot out her right fist straight from the shoulder. It caught the Deacon flush on the nose and he sat down again. Immediately he was lifted to his feet by a swift uppercut, which landed on the point of his chin.

At this point the good deacon forgot all his Christianity and civility. He grabbed Sister Hannah by the waist and tried to force her to the seat. Sister Hannah is strong, however, and she gave the deacon a stiff fight. The two struggled about the pews and said things which never should be said in church.

Deacon Daurch, who was seated near the fighters, by this time regained his presence of mind. He pounced upon Sister Hannah and with difficulty pulled her away from the deacon. Then Sister Hannah's friends became excited. They concluded that the sister was being abused and went to her aid. There was a short mix-up scuffle and Parson Bryan turned out the lights. This stopped the row.

Sister Hannah was hustled to the church door and ejected. On the way out she exclaimed that Deacon Jordan had insulted her and should be horsewhipped. The deacon announced that he had only tossed Miss Ellsworth a dime to put in the collection box.

While the fight was going on there was much excitement and some of the women members tried to jump out of a rear window. Pastor Bryan said he feared somebody would pull a razor and that serious damage would be done, so he concluded to turn out the lights.

There has long been a feud between Miss Ellsworth's friends and those of the deacon. The deacon was born North and Miss Ellsworth comes from the South. The deacon has never forgiven him, and she has never forgiven him. At the various church societies there is always a row between the couple's adherents.

MR. BAYER'S GALLANTRY.

Hoboken's Street Commissioner Resented an Insult to a Woman and Was Badly Beaten.

Street Commissioner Bernard Bayer, of Hoboken, saw two young men insult two Hoboken women Sunday night and went to their rescue. Yesterday he was nursing a sore face and calculating how much it would cost to purchase a new suit. "But you should have seen the other fellows," he remarked, as he told how he had fought for the two ladies.

The affair occurred on Washington street. Commissioner Bayer, attired in his Sunday suit and carrying a large bouquet, was hurrying down the street, when he noticed the fellows step up to the two ladies and make an insulting remark. The Commissioner ran to their aid, and seizing one of the men, gave him a piece of his mind.

"Who are you?" demanded the rowdy. Commissioner Bayer showed his shield and informed him that he would have to go with him to the station house. That caused a fight. The friend of Bayer's prisoner came to the latter's aid, and between them they beat the official and escaped.



ALBERTO J. DIAZ.

He is an American citizen, who, with his brother, is now under arrest in Havana charged with aiding the Cuban patriots. Diaz is a Baptist missionary and medicines to Cuban, as well as Spanish hospitals.